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Washington State Legislative Building Rehabilitation Project

I just wanted to drop a note to update folks on some of the upcoming activities associated with the Rehabilitation Project.

Moving Plan:

After extensive preparation by Dee Hooper in developing a comprehensive moving plan for the rest of the tenants in the Leg Building, a favorable bid was received and awarded on Wednesday, April 24th. The winning moving contractor was Boyce Commercial Services out of Renton Washington. We met with Les Boyce (President) this morning to discuss the coming move schedule and how to plan for the various logistical issues. Here are some highlights from that meeting.

- Les Boyce was very pleased with the details available to him concerning labeling, mapping of destination offices, and accommodations for his moving crews.
- The Boyce moving crews will all be identifiable with uniform shirts or jackets. If you see any other unidentified personnel trying to carry out boxes or furniture, please contact your security staff.
- Hours of operation may vary depending on levels of planned activity in the Leg Building. The current plan is to start disassembly of furniture in the early afternoon and then start moving items as the number of visitors to the building start to decline later in the day. This schedule may vary throughout the moving process depending on how the process goes.

We expect the first series of moves to begin on Tuesday, April 30th. Those moves will take a few days and then a second group of moves will begin the following week. A major push will begin on Monday, May 13th and we expect the building to be empty by June 1, 2002.

Flag Circle:

A temporary storage unit (40' container) has been installed at the west end of the Flag Circle. Power will be brought to the unit so that lights and power receptacles can be installed. This container will be inside of the construction zone and will be removed when the project is complete in November, 2004.

After conferring with Visitor Services, GA Assistant Director Bill Moore, and representatives from the Temple of Justice and the Legislative Building, a decision was

made to install a temporary office unit for Visitor Services at the east end of the Flag Circle. This unit will be installed mid-May and will be visible to visitors approaching the Capitol Campus from the diagonal parking areas. It will house the visitor services staff and will be the “kick-off” point for individuals and groups visiting our campus. Additional research is under way to determine the best alternatives for visitor restroom facilities. Those alternatives will be reviewed with the “stakeholders” to form a recommendation for temporary restroom placement to serve the needs of the public.

Design Efforts:

Design efforts continue and we are looking at the project in terms of two phases. The 1st phase has been nicknamed “Above the Table” and refers to work that will take place on the upper portions of the building. This effort will focus on seismic repairs and upgrading to the upper columns and dome. The construction effort will require the installation of scaffolding to create a tower on the south side of the Legislative Building. This tower will take workers and materials in two stages to the lower levels of the curved dome. The first tower will go from the ground to the roof of the Leg building. There will be a “bridge” that goes from the first tower to a second tower – and that second tower goes from the roof to the dome.

Scaffolding will also be installed all around the upper columns to allow for work on securing the stones. There will also be a scaffold installation at the very top of the dome around the lantern. This area will also require the inspection and re-installation of steel and stone elements at the top of the building.

The contractor will also do a lot of work to protect the inside of the building. Temporary plywood walls will be installed to protect the marble walls and limit access to the “wings” of the building. Plywood flooring will be installed to protect the marble steps and floors. Heating and cooling will be left operational in the building as long as possible to protect the wood and carpeting that will be left in place. A large scaffold system will also be installed in the rotunda area of the building. This scaffolding will provide another lift for workers and materials to the upper areas of the inner dome.

We will be turning the Legislative Building over to the contractor as of June 1, 2002. At that time, the contractor will begin installing fencing around the building, erecting the scaffolding, and will start to install all of the protection to the inside of the building. As construction begins (and through-out the project) this report will give updates on construction progress. I will be including photos of work and will give a “construction workers” view of the activity inside the building.

Thanks for your continued interest and please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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